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## News Summary.

The country's joy in the case of the murder of State, at St. Louis, on Thursday night, returned a verdict that it was a premeditated murder.

The 3d instant a party of rebels came into Louisville, Md., under command of Gen. and Gen. Col. Montgomery commanded the surrender of Clemens, and on refusal a fight ensued, in which Clemens was killed and other rebels were captured.

The fourth page dispatches say that Henry Bond Lewis, a descendant of George Washington, has been sent to the penitentiary of Virginia for manslaughter.

A Buffalo, the extensive works of the New York Tribune, have been destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Yesterday's afternoon dispatches say that the expectant Fenus rising in Ireland on Sunday did not come.

The King of Spain is entertaining the King of Scotland, who has lately despoiled of his kingdom.

James, who resides in the Montgomery, Ala., post-office, has been sent to the penitentiary for the term of twenty-one years.

An ex-Captain in the ex-Confederate, on Friday evening, was shot dead in the city, while he was buying a box of cotton, and started out to see the elephant at Memphis. He paid all his money to see the animal, for when he awoke the following morning he was dead.

A New York Washington special says: "Representative Ashurst has prepared a resolution of inquiry into the alleged charges against President Johnson, which is the first step toward impeaching him."

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Sumner introduced a resolution to punish persons induced negro to emigrate to the South, and will work to prohibit it from being imported to them if he continues to progress.

The public are aware the New York Associated Press, from whom we did obtain all of our despatches, has dismissed Mr. Craig, their Manager—the pivot on which they moved—and the consequence is the establishment of another office for the collection of news matter in the city of New York, under the supervision and control of the said Craig. The papers in the country have for many years complained of the actions of the New York Association.

They listened to no one or anything, unless the Association was to receive a benefit. New York publishers were alone to be consulted and their interest protected.

The wishes of publishers outside of New York were in a great measure disregarded, and hence it was that we of the West established, in 1862, the Western Associated Press Association, so we might, in a body, present our grievances and command more respect than we could if done by individual papers or publishers.

We have always thought New York ought not to monopolize everything, and that, if we paid for news, we should not only be entitled to receive it, but say what kind of news should be given us.

But this has never been allowed Western or Southern publishers. All news of interest to New York, and New York alone, was transmitted by the agent of this corporation. None other was allowed over the wires. After it reached New York it was then sent back to Western papers, censored or not as they (the Associated Press) saw fit.

No drop copies were allowed publishers on the lines of telegraph over which the news was sent, unless it first went into the claws of the New York association and there digested. In consequence of this action on the part of the New York association, it frequently happened, when the despatches were belated or so cut up and mutilated they were of no use. And hence we started the Western Press Association, which met in Chicago on the 12th inst., the proceedings of which, published by the Chicago papers, is familiar to every news paper man in the country.

It is very desirable we shall have the support of a large number of papers to enable us to carry out our schemes. And in carrying out our schemes we have every reason to believe both the press of the country and the people at large will be pleased.

Two representatives of the Louisville press left the city early Tuesday morning by the Jeffersonville Railroad, over what is known as the Kokomo route to Chicago, and a most delightful route it is. Nothing transpired on the whole route to mar the pleasure of a ride on a cool day, and we recur to pleasure to the attentions shown us on the road, and recommend it highly to those traveling between here and Chicago. The accommodations are of the finest character, and the comfort of passengers is not forgotten by the emigrants.

On Wednesday the meeting of the Western Associated Press was called to order by the urban President, Judge Walker, of Detroit. A large number of delegates were present, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Wheeling, West Virginia; Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, St. Louis and Louisville.

Somewhat discontent was manifested by members in regard to telegraphic matter sent over the wires, and both the new and the old associations received heavy rebukings. The New York Associated Press had their friends present, who persistently and energetically fought to establish themselves in the good favor of the Western Press. Their efforts were, as the sequel shows, unavailing.

The action of the Executive Committee, Messrs. Halstead and White, was sustained by a large majority, and so nothing now remains to be done but to carry out the programme made by them, and to make arrangements for the best despatches at the cheapest rates.

For the kindness shown the members by the Chicago press, we extend our thanks, especially to Mr. Wilson, of the Journal, and Mr. Hressing, of the Staats Zeitung.

The Briggs House furnished a splendid dinner, and the proprietors of the Courier and Journal will long remember the kindness.

This is without doubt one of the best hotels in the country. We speak not only from personal observation, but we speak also from the experience of many others with whom we had the pleasure of conversing.

**THE GREAT CHICAGO TUNNEL.**

By invitation of the Board of Public Improvement, the editors from the West took a ride through the tunnel by which it is purposed Chicago will receive the purest water. We are lowered sixty-two feet into a well that connects with the tunnel, and there placed in small cars capable of holding three persons, tightly squeezing yourself into the smallest possible space to accommodate both to the car and the arch above and around you. The cars, six of them, were drawn by one mule, driven by a man, who, like miners, had one lamp fastened to his hat-band. The tunnel is two miles and six feet from end to end, and, it is calculated, can supply easily over a million of people with pure water. But of the trip:

Eighteen members of the Western

Press were seated in the cars escorted by the President, one of the directors and the contractor. There was not one of the eighteen but who would gladly have begged out had it been

possible to escape the trip, after a half mile's ride. The tunnel is five feet in width and five feet two inches in height.

A mule cannot possibly here indulge his hereditary inclinations to use his hoofs in kicking, for the arch is so low that he can't get up high enough to let out his feet. We had a sure thing on the mule, but the proximity of a brick roof was quite as unpleasant to the heads of some of our stiff-necked friends accompanying as it was to the mule. Stove-pipe hats were entirely ignored, and, in fact, no kind of hat was safe. Heads were more frequently injured than hats.

Yesterday morning, about half after six o'clock, the report of a terrific explosion rattled the windows, shook the houses, and aroused the people in the neighborhood of Floyd street and Washington. An examination into the cause disclosed the fact that the boiler in the plain-ingling, the mother of three children, of J. Dixon Brown & Co., had exploded, killing an old man aged seventy-eight years, named Eleazar Hand, who was engaged, we learn, at the time of the calamity, in firing up the engine. We failed to ascertain the cause that produced so sad a result further than that a fine col-

lapse. About twenty feet of the boiler, which was a large one, leaped backward Preston street, passed through a stable, cutting off posts and stanchions and stalls, killing a mule which a negro was currying at the time, crushing the negro between the animal and the wall with such force as to rupture his entrails, forced a passage through a corn-crib, knocked wagons and carts right and left, passed through a fence, rammed an embankment on Beargrass as completely as an engineer could have done it, and finally rested from its erratic and destructive work on the bank of the creek.

The old man, Hand, who was killed, was the most horribly mutilated object we have ever looked upon. We have witnessed many a horrid sight during the recent war, immediately after a great battle had been fought, but we have never seen the "human form divine" so completely torn to pieces as the body of Hand. It lay scattered here and there upon the ground, here a mass of raw, quivering pulp, that a few moments before had been a mighty breast; there a maim with a portion of the shoulder attached, and—but the mere memory of the scene sickens us, and we know our readers will not think us if we endeavor to conjure up before them a picture of horror that has not a single pleasure in it.

The injured negro, we learn as we write, is dying rapidly, and, probably, we will finish this paragraph, has paid the debt of nature. There must have been some great carelessness upon the part of the fireman to have produced the disaster; if so, he has paid a fearful penalty for it.

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